

AUCKLAND CHESS ASSOCIATION INC

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in the Stables Café, Alexandra Park, on 3rd March 2019

Present:

Helen Milligan (chair), Daniel Johns (minutes) (both North Shore); Paul Morten and Ying Wang (both Howick-Pakuranga); Bruce Pollard (Waitakere); John McRae and David Taylor (both Papatoetoe); Simon Lyall and Keong Ang (both Auckland Chess Centre).

The meeting opened at 6:31 PM.

Apologies: none.

The minutes of the previous AGM were taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record.

Matters arising: None.

The **Annual Report**, having been previously circulated, was adopted.

The **Annual Accounts** were adopted, subject to noting that the fees for the Teams Lightning event had been overlooked. There was some discussion of storage costs and how they might be recouped. Bruce suggested charging for table rental; Helen suggested that this would be impractical for the Interschools, which were barely breaking even; and there was inconclusive discussion of other potential hirers.

Setting fees: It was resolved that all fees set for the year 2018 be retained for 2019.

Those fees are:

Affiliation: \$2 per adult, \$1 per junior

Interclub fees: A-Grade and B-Grade \$25 per team

Junior \$15 for the first team from each club and \$10 for each subsequent team

Lightning \$15 for the first team from each club and \$10 for each subsequent team

Election of officers:

The following nominations were made:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Nominator</i>	<i>Seconder</i>
Chair	Helen Milligan	Keong Ang	Daniel Johns
Vice-Chair	John McRae	Keong Ang	Paul Morten
Secretary	Daniel Johns	Bruce Pollard	Helen Milligan
Treasurer	Tingwing (Lynn) Wei Bruce Pollard	Helen Milligan Paul Morten	Simon Lyall David Taylor

Since the losing candidate for Treasurer appeared likely to be nominated as a Committee Member, the vote for Treasurer was taken at this point. Auckland Chess Centre, North Shore, and Waitakere voted for Lynn Wei. Howick-Pakuranga and Papatoetoe voted for Bruce Pollard. Lynn Wei was declared elected.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Nominator</i>	<i>Second</i>
Committee	Simon Lyall	Daniel Johns	Paul Morten
	Keong Ang	Simon Lyall	Helen Milligan
	David Taylor	Helen Milligan	Simon Lyall
	Paul Morten	Helen Milligan	Daniel Johns
	Ying Wang	Helen Milligan	Simon Lyall
	Bruce Pollard	Simon Lyall	Paul Morten

All nominees for positions other than Treasurer were declared elected unopposed.

Tournaments:

It was resolved that ACA organize an A-Grade Interclub (with a time control of 75 minutes + 30 seconds per move), a B-Grade Interclub (for players rated under 1800 on the latest NZCF rating list, using the same time control), a Junior Interclub (for players under 14 on 1st January 2018, with a time control of 15 minutes + 5 seconds per move), and a Teams Lightning event.

General Business: Bruce took issue with the tone of emails sent by Keong during the discussion of Howick-Pakuranga's request for a reduced number of boards in the 2018 Jenkins Trophy match; in particular, he took exception to being accused of "cluelessness", which he considered insulting. Keong responded, standing by what he had said, and also took exception to Bruce's reference to Alphaeus Ang in the same email conversation. Bruce and Keong debated the matter further, but nobody moved any motion regarding this controversy. The issues giving rise to this acrimony had included whether or not it was appropriate to use such NZCF resources as the registration list and the rating list to assess a club's level of membership; the only consensus (in which both Bruce and Keong joined) was that the rating list was less suitable for that purpose than the registration list.

The meeting closed at 7:22 PM.